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In re Application of :  
Richard Alan McDonald : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 10/684,851 :  
Filed: October 15, 2003 :  
Title: BREAKAWAY SUPPORT FOR :  
OVERHEAD LINES :

This is a decision on the renewed "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)," filed June 26, 2006.

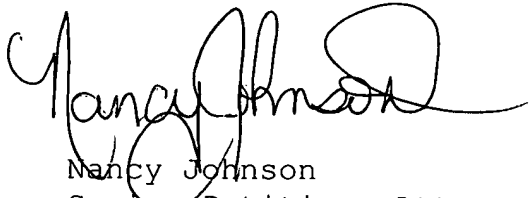
The petition under § 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned on February 3, 2005 for failure to timely file a proper reply to the non-final Office action mailed November 2, 2004. By decision mailed May 15, 2006, the initial petition filed August 29, 2005 based on unavoidable delay was dismissed. Consideration of the petition in the alternative pursuant to 1.137(b) was not undertaken because the petition did not include the required petition fee.

On instant renewed petition, petitioner paid the petition fee and made the required statement of unintentional delay. The required reply in the form of an amendment was filed on initial petition. No terminal disclaimer is required.

Technology Center AU 3635 has been advised of this decision. The application is, thereby, forwarded to the examiner for consideration of the reply previously submitted on petition filed August 29, 2005.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "N" and "J".

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